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SUBJ: SECRET PAYMENTS BY UNITED BRANDS TO GEN LOPEZ: PRESS
REACTION

REF STATE 79302, BOGOTA 3352

1. AGAIN WITH ONLY ONE EXCEPTION COVERAGE OF THE UNITED BRANDS
PAYMENTS TO GEN LOPEZ IN BOGOTA NEWSPAPERS HAS BEEN LIMITED TO
STORIES FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESS AGENCIES.

2. ON APRIL 11, CONSERVATIVE EL SIGLO CARRIED AN EFE ARTICLE
ENTITLED "GOVERNMENT OF US ACCUSES UNITED BRANDS OF BRIBERY"
WHICH STATED THAT THE EXCHANGE AND SECURITIES COMMISSION HAD
BROUGHT SUIT AGAINST UNITED BRANDS. CONSERVATIVE LA REPUBLICA
IN AN APRIL 11 EFE STORY AND LIBERAL EL EXPECTADOR IN AN APRIL
12 UPI STORY REPORTED THAT UNITED BRANDS HAD PAID \$750,000
TO ITALIAN GOVT OFFICIALS TO "AUGMENT SALES OF ITS BANANAS"
IN ITALY.

3. THE ONLY RECENT EDITORIAL REACTION TO THE UNITED BRANDS CASE
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WAS A LONG ARTICLE BY LEFTIST AND HABITUALLY ANTI US COMMENTATOR

ENRIQUE SANTOS CALDERON IN THE LIBERAL EL TIEMPO OF APRIL 13. SANTOS CLAIMED THAT BRIBERY BY UNITED BRANDS WAS JUST ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF FREQUENT SIMILAR ACTIVITIES BY MULTINATIONALS, MOST OF WHICH ARE US OWNED, TO MAINTAIN HEGEMONY OVER VITAL SECTORS OF LA ECONOMIES. SANTOS WENT ON TO STATE THAT THERE IS CLOSE COOPERATIN BETWEEN US MULTINATIONALS AND THE CIA; THE CIA ASSURES FAVORABLE POLITICAL CONDITIONS IN LA FOR THE PENETRATION OF US RGCAPITAL AND US MULTINATIONALS, LIKE ITT IN THE CASE OF CHILE, ASSIST IN DESTABILIZING "INSUBORDINATE" REGIMES. SANTOS POINTED OUT THAT THE UNITED BRANDS PAYMENT TO LOPEZ REFLECTED THE "PAN ORAMA OF A CONTINENT IN WHICH THE DOMINANT CLASSES...DEPEND ON IMPERIALISM TO MAINTAIN THEMSELVES WHERE THEY ARE."
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